

Service Date: May 1, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Complaint Of The	)
MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO And The MONTANA	)
STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES	) UTILITY DIVISION
COUNCIL And The INVESTIGATION BY THE	)
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Into	) DOCKET NOS. 83.11.82
The Alleged Safety Defects In The	) and 84.1.3
Montana Power Company's New 16-Inch	)
Natural Gas Transmission Line.	) ACCOUNTING ORDER
	NO. 5057

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In this Docket, the Commission finds that Montana Power Company has incurred expenses and will continue to incur expenses that may be in addition to normal construction costs of building the Morel Junction to Cut Bank natural gas pipeline. Examples of such costs include, but may not be limited to the expense associated with the hearing and future expense of insuring the integrity of the pipeline as outlined in the plan submitted by Montana Power Company to the Commission on April 3, 1984.
2. In view of these actual and potential additional expenses, the Commission finds that an accounting mechanism should be established to separately track these costs. The accounting shall include application of indirect costs, such as, but not limited to, overhead and management salary allocations, expenses associated with retention and independent consultants to review work completed, and excavation, repair and construction expenses incurred in implementing the plan. The accounting shall be up dated at least monthly, and source documents, such as time sheets, shall be maintained for Commission inspection.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The foregoing Findings of Fact are hereby incorporated as Conclusions of Law.
2. The Montana Power Company is a public utility furnishing natural gas service to consumers in the State of Montana, and is subject to the supervision, regulation and control of the Montana Public Service Commission. 69-3-102, MCA

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DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 30 day of April, 1984 by a 5 -  
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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Chairman

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CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

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JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

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HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission Secretary

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this  
decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days.  
See 38.2.4806, ARM.